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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECT OF OLD AND NEW ETAS)

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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF ARRIVAL OF PERSONNEL IN MOSCOW

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 7426, (B) MOSCOW 6812

1. UNFORTUNATELY IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THE FAILURE OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO MEET THEIR WRITTEN COMMITMENTS WILL RESULT IN THE POSTPONEMENT OF ARRIVALS OF PERSONNEL THIS SUMMER. IT IS NEARLY CERTAIN THAT ADDITIONAL HOUSING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPANCY BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER OR THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER. WE MUST ALSO STRESS THE DELAY MAY BE LONGER DEPENDING UPON WHEN UPDK ACTUALLY TURNS OVER THE NEW APARTMENTS TO THE EMBASSY.

2. AFTER A CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE EMBASSY'S STAFFING SITUATION AND CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SECTIONS CONCERNED, THE FOLLOWING ARRIVALS ARE POSTPONED:

NAME	AGENCY	OLD ETA	NEW ETA
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MICHAEL J. KOVICH	STATE	7/78	11/78
LANCE G. HOPKINS	STATE	6/78	8/78
GEOFFREY WOLFE	STATE	7/78	11/78
PHILIP BROWN	ICA	7/78	11/78

L/COL. D. GUILER DIA 7/78 11/78

L/C MD. M. CRAMER DIA 7/78 11/78

EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN STATE MAY PROCEED TO POST ON
SCHEDULE ONLY IF HE AGREES TO SHARE
APT. WITH JACK GOSNELL

3. BECAUSE OF POSTPONEMENTS AND SUMMER TURNOVER,
THE EMBASSY WILL CLOSE ITS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
ON SUNDAYS FROM JULY UNTIL NOVEMBER OR WHENEVER THE
NEW APARTMENTS ARE READY.

4. WITH REGARD TO FBO PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE NEW
EMBASSY PROJECT, WE FACE EQUALLY PAINFUL STEPS. THERE
IS ONE FBO APARTMENT WHICH CAN BE USED AS A "BUNKHOUSE"
FOR TDY PERSONNEL, THE OTHER TWO APARTMENTS ARE OCCUPIED
BY BALLARD AND NORTH. THE ALTERNATIVE IS THE USE OF
SOVIET HOTELS, WHICH ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND COST
ABOUT \$36 PER DAY FOR FAIR TO POOR ACCOMMODATIONS.
NO FBO PERSONNEL MAY BE ASSIGNED PCS TO MOSCOW WITHOUT
THE EMBASSY'S PRIOR APPROVAL.

5. THE EMBASSY DEEPLY REGRETS THE HARDSHIPS THESE
STEPS WILL CAUSE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT
WILL ALSO MEAN THAT THE EMBASSY, WHICH HAS BEEN SHORT
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STAFFED SINCE AUGUST, 1977 WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO
COPE WITH SHORTAGES IN ITS AMERICAN COMPLEMENT. WE
WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF ANY CHANGES OR
DEVELOPMENTS. TOON

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